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CURIOUS CASES, selected by B. A. MELBURN. Charlottesville, Va.: The Michie Company. 1902.

A reviewer is always grateful for the unusual amusement and relief afforded by a collection of cases presented "solely because they are interesting;" thus indeed, I take it, the book has already attained one of its express objects, for it is dedicated to all "who do not regard the law as a mere means of obtaining a livelihood, and who can find in law books recreation, amusement and the mirror held up to nature." The author is safe in addressing the sound sense of humor of a profession which offers as few others, an insight into human affairs. However difficult and theoretical may be the legal contest, there is always some living object; and with life, humor will creep into the gravest deliberation, heightened in its effect by the great contrast.

This collection of English and American "curious cases" will be useful to any one who desires a fund of legal anecdotes. A "good story" is something one cannot dogmatize about; all that can be said is, that the collector has attempted to satisfy all qualities of humor, the highest as well as that not the highest,—at any rate, the cases are all more or less "curious."

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, HELD IN THE CITY OF TOPEKA, JANUARY 30 AND 31, 1902. Official Stenographic Report, Clay Centre, Kansas; Published by the Association. 1902.

Meetings of bar associations are increasing in frequency and in dignity, so that to follow all that is of value in their published proceedings is considerable of a task.

We would like to note here, for the benefit of our readers, the addresses of value contained in such of these publications as come to us, but such notice is generally missed.

In the present case there are valuable addresses, among others: the address of President Silas Porter on "Taxation of Franchises," and an address by Governor Stanley on "Pardons and Paroles." The number contains also an index by authors' names of former addresses. This should prove of value.

A busy lawyer will do well to keep up with the proceedings of his own state bar associations, but for library reference, a well indexed set of all the state bar associations' proceedings should be very valuable.